Building Promising Futures:
Guidelines and Outcome Measures for Enhancing Response of Domestic Violence Programs to Children & Youth

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1. Provide the primary Federal funding stream dedicated to the support of emergency shelter and related assistance for victims of domestic violence and their dependents;
2. Provide for a national domestic violence hotline; and
3. Assist States and Indian tribes in efforts to increase public awareness about and prevention of, family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence.
Network of DV Services

Throughout the U.S., domestic and dating violence support services are provided free of charge, in a confidential and private manner, 365 days of the year.

These services include immediate crisis counseling via hotlines, emergency shelter and safe housing, counseling advocacy, legal and medical assistance, and other services that make up a coordinated community response to abuse and violence in intimate relationships.

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, discussion of options, and referrals to resources that are available in local communities. Well-trained advocates can be reached at the National Domestic Violence Hotline 24/7 by calling 1-800-799-7233 (SAFE). Peer advocates are available at the Loveisrespect by calling 1-866-331-9474 or texting “lovelies” to 22522.

The National Domestic Violence Hotline & Loveisrespect

358,655 total contacts in FY14
144,964 unanswered due to lack of resources

- Online chats 60,762
- Text chats 10,237
- Hotline calls 287,656

http://www.thehotline.org/what-is-live-chat

Each of the national, tribal, state, and local victim service providers work collaboratively to promote practices and strategies to improve our nation’s response to domestic and dating violence to make safety and justice not just a priority, but also a reality. This shows the number of subgrants given out by states to shelter and non-shelter domestic violence programs in 2014 (Updated June 2015).

Visit www.acf.hhs.gov/fvpsa to learn more.
In 2014, FVPSA provided funds to
- **1,250** domestic violence shelter programs
- **257** domestic violence non-shelter programs
- **137** Tribal Domestic Violence programs

15.5 Million children are exposed to domestic violence each year.

FVPSA grantees serve 300,396 children on average per year.
FVPSA’s Efforts Devoted to Children

- Greenbook Project
- Children Exposed to Domestic Violence Grants
- Runaway & Homeless Youth and Domestic Violence Demonstration Grants
- Promising Futures Without Violence Website
- Special Issue Resource Center for Child Protection and Custody
- Specialized Services for Abused Parents and Their Children Demonstration Grants
- Expanding Services to Children, Youth, and Abused Parents Technical Assistance Grant
- Children’s Bureau Quality Improvement Center Partnership
Promising Futures: Best Practices for Serving Children and Youth Experiencing Domestic Violence

Website includes information on:

- Resources for DV programs/Advocates to enhance children’s programming
- Capacity building resources
- Bridging research with practice
- Interventions for children and youth
- Trauma-informed strategies
- Practical tools and resources

FUTURES Provides Free Training and Technical Assistance

www.promisingfutureswithoutviolence.org
Resources & Information for Families

Help caregivers support healing and resiliency for children & Youth

What's New?

How to Use this Website
We hope that you find this a useful resource for helping you transform your program’s ability to effectively meet the needs of women, children and youth experiencing domestic violence. If you are just starting to think about how your program’s policies could better reflect an equal commitment to mothers and children, or you have been delivering holistic services for years, this website has information and tools that can help you [...]
Developing the Guides

The papers are complementary, complementary process

- Involvement of 4 FVPSA-funded “enhancing services for children & youth” grantees
- Involvement of advocate pioneers in working with children & youth
- Included literature review
Developing the Guides

Both papers based on current state of DV work and approach

- Importance of building on strengths/resilience
- Needs and work changing—becoming more comprehensive
- Importance of listening to survivors
- Importance of family & community
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Guidelines for Enhancing Response of Domestic Violence Programs to Children & Youth

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- Growing evidence of connection between health and well-being of children and their protective parent/caregiver
- Increasing focus by DV programs on children and youth
- Integrated approaches - better outcomes for children, their mothers, and the whole family
About Resilience

- “If we start with needs, we get programs. If we start with strengths, we get possibilities.” Lupe Serrano
- Focusing on the qualities and assets of both children and their mother/caregiver, as well as their community, that support resilience
Engaging programs’ participants in program development

- Consistent with commitment to survivor-defined approaches
- Respects and learns from myriad social, political, racial/ethnic, and other contexts in which survivors and their children live
Key Considerations to Improve Services

(6 of 15!)

- Recognize children as more than just “secondary” victims
- Design all aspects of programming intentionally
- Ensure that programming is developmentally appropriate
Key considerations (continued)

(6 of 15!)

- Recognize cultural relevance as an essential characteristic of successful programming
- Invest in advocates working with children and youth
- Work to provide a network for children and youth staff
Getting started

- Involve program participants (advisory group?) about what they most want and need
- Determine programs readiness:
  - program infrastructure
  - program practices
  - community connections
- Includes specific recommendations related to programming, staffing, trainings and partnerships at this initial stage
Next steps in program development

- Avoid “silos” in programming for mothers and their children
- Consider developing “family advocates” instead of separating by family role and age
- Includes specific recommendations related to programming, staffing, trainings and partnerships at this ongoing development stage
Continuing to enhance your program

- Fully integrate family-centered programming that strengthens parent-child bonds
- Consider providing long-term and follow-up support, including home-based support
- Develop safety strategies that acknowledge the roles of fathers in children’s lives
- Includes specific recommendations related to programming, staffing, trainings and partnerships at this enhancement stage, including evaluation/research
Getting ongoing input from program participants

- Each section includes questions that could be asked of mothers/caregivers and/or their children to help develop and modify the program at each stage.
Developing Outcome Measures for Domestic Violence Programs' Work With Children And Youth

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Goals for outcomes

- Brief, usable by DV programs
- Not complicated, apply broadly
- Based on evidence
Considerations: Range of Services

- Shelter, groups, counseling
- Limited contact → lengthy involvement
Considerations: Range of Ages & Gender

- Needs and focus of intervention may vary for girls & boys
- Children, youth and teens
- Ability to obtain responses varies with age: who should provide it?
Considerations: Timing

- More than one contact
- “End” of service?
Recommendations: Items

- **Mothers/caretakers:**
  - I have a better understanding of the impact that domestic abuse/violence can have on my children
  - I have more tools and information to plan for my children’s safety

- **Children/adolescents (over age 8)**
  - I know more ways to get help when I am scared or upset
  - I have a better understanding of the troubles in my family
Recommendations

- Involve adult and children/youth survivors
- Testing; range of programs—more comprehensive may involve more measures
Getting Help with Domestic Violence

- **National Domestic Violence Hotline**
  1-800-799-7233

- **National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline**
  1-866-331-9474

- **National Sexual Assault Hotline (RAINN)**
  1-800-656-4673

Free and confidential help is available for victims of domestic violence 24 hours a day.

FVPSA’s National and Special Issue Resource Centers

- National Health Resource Center on Domestic Violence (HRCDV) – www.futureswithoutviolence.org
- Resource Center on Domestic Violence, Child Protection and Custody (RCDVCC) – www.ncjfcj.org/dept/fvd
- Battered Women’s Justice Project: Criminal and Civil Justice Center (BWJP) – www.bwjp.org
- National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma, and Mental Health (NCDVTMH) - www.nationalcenterdvtraumamh.org
FVPSA’s Culturally Specific Special Issue Resource Centers

- Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence (API-GBV) – http://www.api-gbv.org/
- Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community (IDVACC) – www.idvaac.org
- National Latina Network for Healthy Families and Communities - Casa de Esperanza www.casadeesperanza.org
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